## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

According to the present invention, a search condition can be moderated to easily understand a desired device without performing re-search, even if there is no device completely matching the search condition. An attribute of an object class is extracted out of the search condition designated by an operator to search a device meeting the attribute. A matching state of each attribute of the search condition first designated by the operator for a result obtained from the above search is visibly displayed.

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